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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,999,836  
AB United States Patent No. 5,479,927  
AC United States Patent No. 4,943,986  
AD United States Patent No. 4,090,084  
AE United States Patent No. 3,971,950  
AL PCT Application WO 01/66013  
AM PCT Application W O 99/56623

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office during examination of the counterpart Swedish Application. All of the references were cited in Category "A" as general background information. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. A complete English translation of Reference AM is not readily available to the Applicant, however, that reference contains an English abstract, and another English abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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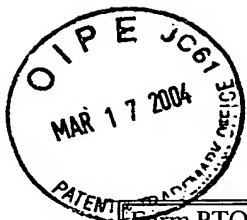
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